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PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS TO BE INCREASED IN YUGOSLAVIA

BUKOVIK FACTORY TO PRODUCE 45,000 TONS OF FIREBRICK PER YEAR -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 1 Dec 50; Belgrade, Borba, 1 Dec 50; Zagreb, Duga, No 253,

The new firebrick factory at Bukovik near Arandjelovac began its test operation on 29 November. On that occasion, Geza Tikvicki, Minister of the Serbian government, stated that the factory will produce 45,000 tons of firebrick per year after 1951, the year in which it is scheduled to be completed.

ractory installations of large proportions are being erected at Bukovik. Shops, with roofs of glass laid in steel, are ready for installation of presses, mixers, mills, and other machines used for processing clay and the production of firebrick. Work is being completed on buildings for grinding, drying, and casting, whi a number of auxiliary buildings and the forge, fitting shop, and laboratory are already finished.

The majority of the factory's machines were built in Yugoslavia. The kilns and machinery are being installed exclusively by Yugoslav experts.

The foundations for a large dielectric porcelain factory are being laid on the factory grounds near the Ladjina mine. This factory will produce 6,500 tors of dielectric porcelain per year.

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PLANS TO PRODUCE CINDER MAGNESITE -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 1 Dec 50; Belgrade, Borba, 1 Dec 50

A mag st e and chromium brick factory is under construction in Rankovicevo. This factory, scheduled to be in operation in 1951, will produce cinder magnesite, as well as chromite, chromomagnesite, and magnesite bricks. Its yearly production of this material will be over 50,000 tons. Two thirds of this amount is scheduled for export.

Installations for the yearly production of 60,000 tons of caustically baked magnesite are being erected near a mine on Goles Planina (Mountain) in the Kosmet. Most of the production is intended for export.

By the end of 1952, the total production of nonmetals in Yugoslavia is expected to amount to about one billion dinars' worth of foreign credit.

TO ERECT 10 PREFABRICATED CONCRETE-PARTS FACTORIES -- Belgrade, Rad, 5 Dec 50

Belgrade, 4 December -- By the end of this year, the "Djuro Djakovic" Factory will complete the framework for ten prefabricated concrete-parts /cement blocks? factories. Each of these factories will produce concrete parts for 1,250 units of prefabricated housing per year. These factories are scheduled to be in full operation not later than mid-1951.

Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Belgrade will acquire two of these factories each, while Macedonia and Slovenia will acquire one factory each. These factories will be erected in the vicinity of large cities or the capitals of the people's republics to alleviate the housing shortage in the cities. At first, these factories will produce concrete parts for two-story prefabricated houses. Parts for multistory houses may also be made later.

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